

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Timothy James Held et al.	:	
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS TO	:	
DECREASE COMBUSTOR ACOUSTICS	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

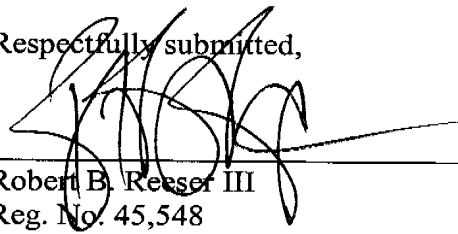
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 12, 2007 has been carefully reviewed, and the following amendment has been made in consequence thereof. In response to the election requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution in this application all claims of Species I as identified in the Office Action. Claims 1-3, 8-10, 14-16, and 20 are in the elected claim species.

The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Species I and II clearly are related. It is believed that a thorough search and examination of any claim species would be relevant to the examination of the other species. In addition, requirements for restriction are not mandatory under 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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